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In re Application of:
Chiharu Koshio et al.
Serial No.: 10/083,290
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Attorney Docket No.: 107156-00092

DECISION ON PETITION TO
WITHDRAW THE HOLDING
OF ABANDONMENT

This is a decision on the "REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF ABANDONMENT" filed July 17, 2003. It is being treated as a petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.181. There is no fee for this petition.

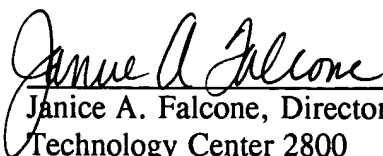
The petition is **GRANTED**.

A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on July 3, 2003 holding the application to be abandoned for failure to timely file a response to the Office action mailed on October 4, 2002. However, it is apparent that there was no abandonment in fact. A review of the application file reveals that a timely response (i.e., a terminal disclaimer) to the Office action was filed on January 6, 2003. Although the original response is in the file, it was not entered into PALM (Patent Application Locating and Monitoring System) so there is no way of telling when the paper was actually matched with the application file.

The Notice of Abandonment mailed July 3, 2003 is **VACATED**.

The application is being forwarded to a paralegal for processing of the terminal disclaimer. The application will then be forwarded to the examiner for appropriate action in due course. Any inconvenience due to the inadvertent abandonment of the application is greatly regretted.

Any inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to Edward Westin at (571) 272-1638.



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